

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) In a fishing lure, the improvement comprising a shaft adapted to maintain a linear form while fishing, said shaft connected at one end to a hook; a bead having an opening sized to receive said shaft and slide freely thereon; a wire connected at a first end to said shaft between said hook and said bead, the second end of said wire extending through the opening of said bead; a tube covering said shaft between said hook and said bead, said tube adapted to hold a bait wrapped therearound; and, the second end of said wire adapted to be wrapped around ~~[[a]]~~ said bait positioned on said tube to hold said bait on said tube while fishing without the need to pierce said bait with said hook.

2. (Original) The improvement according to Claim 1, wherein said wire is metal and of a material and gauge such that after it is wrapped around said bait it maintains its wrapped shape without said second end being anchored.

3. (Original) The improvement of Claim 2 wherein said wire is floral wire having a diameter from 18 gauge to 32 gauge.

4. (Original) The improvement of Claim 2 wherein said wire has a metal core and is coated in plastic.

5. (Original) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said shaft is formed of stainless steel wire.

6. (Currently amended) The improvement of Claim 5 wherein the diameter of said shaft is from ~~to 0.025 inch 0.04 inch~~ .025 inches to .04 inches.

7. (Previously presented) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said tube is elastic and sized to stretch to receive and hold said bead near the tube end.

8. (Canceled)

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9. (Original) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said wire is wrapped around said bait in a spiral toward said hook to hold said bait on said tube.

10. (Previously presented) The improvement of Claim 1 including rotating fish attracting means mounted on said shaft such that said bead is between said fish attracting means and said hook.

11. (Original) The improvement of Claim 9 wherein said fish attracting means is a blade.

12. (Currently amended) In a fishing lure, having a means for holding bait thereon, the improvement comprising a tube having a surface on which the bait may be mounted and a metal wire connected at one end to said lure and its free end wrapped around said bait to hold it in place on said surface without the need to pierce said bait with a fish hook.

13. (Canceled)

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